

Docket No.: 050395-0373



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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of	:	Customer Number: 20277
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Masatada NUMANO, et al.	:	Confirmation Number: 7856
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Application No.: 10/579,442	:	Group Art Unit: 1793
	:	Allowed: October 20, 2009
Filed: May 15, 2006	:	Examiner: Kevin P. Kerns
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For: CASTING NOZZLE	:	

REQUEST TO APPLY PREVIOUSLY PAID ISSUE FEE

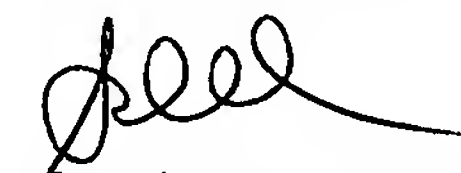
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Sir:

Applicant is in receipt of the Decision Granting Petition Under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2), dated December 23, 2009, in connection with the above-identified application and respectfully request that the Issue Fee paid on December 2, 2009 be applied to the attached Issue Fee Transmittal. A copy of the Decision Granting Petition is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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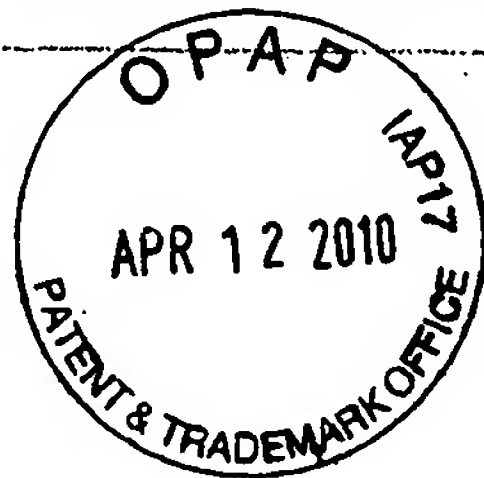

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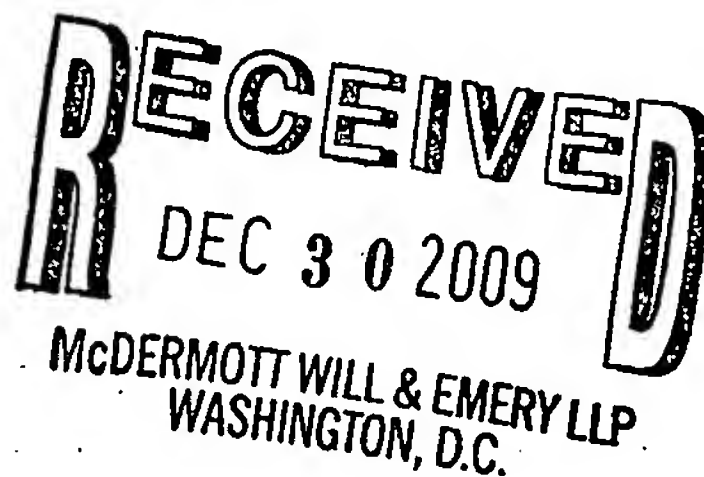


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DECISION GRANTING PETITION
UNDER 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2)

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2), filed December 23, 2009, to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue for consideration of a submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (request for continued examination). See 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2).

Petitioner is advised that the issue fee paid on December 2, 2009 cannot be refunded. If, however, this application is again allowed, petitioner may request that it be applied towards the issue fee required by the new Notice of Allowance.¹

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-7253.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 1793 for processing of the request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114 and for consideration of the concurrently filed information disclosure statement.

/Monica A. Graves/
Petitions Examiner, Office of Petitions

¹ The request to apply the issue fee to the new Notice may be satisfied by completing and returning the new Part B – Fee(s) Transmittal Form (along with any balance due at the time of submission). Petitioner is advised that the Issue Fee Transmittal Form must be completed and timely submitted to avoid abandonment of the application.